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MASS TIMES

Sunday

9.00, 10.30, 12.15 Saturday Vigil 6.15pm

Weekdays

9.30am

Eve of Holydays

7.30pm

<u>Holydays</u>

9.00, 10.30 & 7.30pm

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God's Word

Readings for Sunday 1st March, 2020 First Reading:

Gn 2: 7-9, 3:1-7 **Psalm**: 50

Second Reading:

3 Rm 5: 12-19

Gospel:

Mt 4: 1-11

PARISH BULLETIN

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"I call you friends" (The Nazarene)

So Jesus reassured His disciples. Like many friendships, their friendship with Jesus began almost casually for many of the Twelve. The youngsters, Andrew and John, were hanging around together when the Baptist suggested that they should get to know the new preacher from Nazareth. They did. Andrew then brought his elder brother Peter along to meet him. James was a neighbouring fisherman. Levi was out on his daily job when Jesus invited him to join them. The invitation



was evocative. The response was enquiring commitment. This was only the beginning. As they journeyed on the road together, they gradually grew in awareness of who Jesus really was, sharing the highs and the lows of Cana to Gethsemane. The bonds of ever deepening friendship blossomed into love, nurtured by the contact with Jesus, teaching love by how He lived and gradually awakening in them an awareness of how the Father loved them as he loved Jesus himself. What an awakening! What a journey! What a gift!

Lent is a personal invitation from Jesus to each of us to share in a similar journey. Each Lenten Sunday's Gospel can awaken within us a new appreciation of a key event in the Jesus story and how that event reverberates today in our friendship with Him.

Of course, as with all friendships, this will only happen when we make space in our busy lives for it to thrive rather than just simmer. Precious though this weekly contact is, it will not be enough on its own to allow our heart throbs to synchronise. With Ash Wednesday on our doorstep, let each of us devise a personal strategy to ensure we are at home when He calls to us to reassure us "that as the Father has loved me, so I will love you".

Fr. Tom

P.S. A Lenten suggestion. Invite/encourage/entice a family member of friend to join us for Sunday Mass for Lent. We need each other.

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PARISH NOTICES - 23/02/2020 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin no: 1431

Trocaire Lenten Resource:

On Wednesday, 11th March, we welcome Colm Hogan, the Parish Officer with Trocaire who will facilitate a workshop on the Lenten resource on climate justice to enable participants to return to their parishes to lead this Lenten reflection session. Venue: Pastoral Development Office, Ballyphehane. Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm. To reserve a place please contact us on (021) 4537474 or email pdo@corkandross.org

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Next Wednesday, 26th February, 2020, is Ash Wednesday and a day of fast and abstinence.

Masses on the day at <u>9.30am and</u> 7.30pm.

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass.

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

Trocaire Lenten Collection Boxes are available at all Masses this weekend.

